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Change of Time.

The date to which it is necessary for our subscribers to pay in order to get Good Cheer one year free is set forward one month at beginning of each month. For the present all subscribers, old or new, who will pay for THE WATCHMAN to December 1, 1884, will receive Good Cheer one year FREE. Send seventeen cents for the odd months. Those who do not wish to take up with this offer are requested to settle their dues as soon as possible, as we are in immediate need of the

The Watchman for 1884.

The coming year will be crowded with stirring political events. In the field of national politics the presidential canvass will be the allabsorbing subject of people's thoughts. The signs betoken one of the most determined political contests in the history of the country. Parties are nearly evenly balanced. The demorracy will renew their repeated struggles to wrest from their opponents the power they have wielded for nearly a quarter of a century. The republican party will strenuously maintain the lease of the power it has used with such signal benefit to the whole country and to mankind. The relation of Vermont to this impending crisis in the history of the republican party and the affairs of the country will be of a close and responsible character. In any event, her soil will be the early battle-ground of the great contest. Among all the eminent names on the party rolls there is none so fit for the office of president as her distinguished senator, and none to which is so universally conceded the post of leadership. The national contest has in fact opened with the assembling of congress.

To the event of paramount interest and im portance, the presidential election, is added the fact that Vermont herself will in the election of next year choose successors to all her state officers, from representatives of towns and counties in the legislature to governor, and representatives in the house and senate of the congress of the United States. The crowping affair of local importance in this period will be the blennial legislative session. Matters relating to the protection and advancement of tax reformation, to the highways, to education, and to the general affairs of the state, will come up for consideration, upon which it is the duty, if not the pleasure, of every citizen to read and be informed. Here is a period, extending from the present to January 1, 1885, which will be thickly crowded with events of the highest interest and of vital importance to the state and the nation. No thinking citizen will wish to be without a good state newspaper during this period. THE VERMONT WATCHman has been greatly enlarged, put in proper form, and new facilities procured for its suc cessful publication, with the special end in view of providing for the people of Vermont just ruch a paper as they would wish to have at all times, and particularly for the stirring times in the near future. Its record in the past is the best guaranty it can give for the future, as to its course politically and upon those non-political matters which, like agriculture, education, taxation, temperance, and state affairs generally, have to do with morals and good progressive government rather than with partisan politics. enable its conductors to treat these subjects more intelligently and more successfully, no pledge for the future that is not supplied by the past can be given.

The pre-eminence of THE WATCHMAN AS A good agricultural paper for the farmers of Vermont has been long conceded. The veteran editor of this department will maintain his connection with the paper, and enlarged space will be given him for the discussion of farm subjects, a change which cannot fail to receive the hearty approbation of the farming community. Especially will THE WATCHMAN be a newspaper. The gathering, editing in an attractive and readable form, and publishing of local news has become a distinguishing feature in its present management. The extension and improvement of this essential function of a state paper will be steadily and systematically sustained General news, domestic and foreign will be most carefully summarized and edited from week to week. The choice miscellaneous, family, moral and religious selections, which have always been a popular and a distinguishing feature in the make-up of the paper, will not be suffered to deteriorate in quality or in quantity.

For \$2.00 in advance THE WATCHMAN will be sent to new subscribers until January 1, 1885, and Good Cheer one year. Good Cheer is a new monthly paper of sixteen pages, of very interesting literary matter. A sample copy will be sent on application. Those who may receive sample copies of The Watchman are invited to give it a thorough examination and to send in their subscriptions, if they find it worthy of their patronage. Our increasing subscription list shows that the paper is gaining in the estimation of the public.

For \$5.25, paid in advance, we will send either the Atlantic Monthly, Harper's Magazine, Weekly, or Bazar, and THE WATCHMAN and Good Cheer one year.

For \$5 50, paid in advance, we will send the Century Magazine (formerly Scribner's), The WATCHMAN and Good Cheer for one year.

Local Items.

DRUGS at Bascom's! PATENT medicines at Bascom's!!

THE finest cigars at Bascom's!!! ELEGANT handkerchief extracts at Bas

Bio trade in "Diamond Dyes" at Bas-

CIRCULATING library at H. E. Slayton's.

ORRIN DALEY is selling good Greening apples for \$3.25, \$3.50 and \$5 per barrel.

WOOD BOUGHT AND SOLD. - Those who wish to buy or sell wood of any kind are invited to call at R. H. Angell's office, South Main street, opposite Henry Lowe & Son's store, or inquire

of J. V. Morrow. CARHIAGE-MAKERS and buyers of carriages and wagons of any kind are advised to read the new advertisement of the Cooley Manufacturing Company in another column. Its sand-box is a sure lock-out to mud and sand, is neat, tasty, and sure not to loosen or rattle. Its merits have been tested on running carriages

for two seasons. FOR SALE. - One thousand Macomber's improved hand corn and bean planters. Agents wanted for all unoccupied territory. For par-

state of Vermont, Milton, Vt.

F. H. PUFFER has the agency for this vicinity for the celebrated installment bonds issued by the National Life Insurance Company. He has also been appointed agent for the Accident Insurance Company of North America."

THE Cooley Manufacturing Company, Wateroury, Vt., are making an iron sled-shoe with a chilled outside and soft center to admit of drilling. This article is a new invention, and is having a great sale. The outer edges being hard as tempered steel, and the center soft, the longer the runner is used, the less the tendency to slue-a great merit, as all users of sleds well know. In sending, give sizes and send draft of curve.

Current Mention.

REV. HOWARD F. HILL expects to hold religious services at Wright's Mills on Sunday

next, at half-past two o'clock P. M. THE Vermont State Spiritualist Association will hold their quarterly convention in town

hall, Rutland, January 25th, 26th and 27th. GENERAL STEPHEN THOMAS is to speak at the installation of officers of Stowe Post, No. 29, G. A. R., at North Calais, Saturday evening, January 5. All are invited.

THE sons of Vermont residing in Chicago are to have their annual banquet on the 17th of January. Mr. E. G. Keith has been elected president of the association for the ensuing

LUDLOW TRIBUNE: "The Green Mountain Freeman advertises for 'a boy to learn the printer's trade—one accustomed to the care of cattle.' Evidently the assistant editors of that sheet are a hard lot to manage."

THE annual meeting of Mad River Valley agricultural society will be held in the hotel hall in Waitsfield, Thursday, January 3, 1884, at one o'clock, r. M., for the election of officers and the transaction of other business.

CLIPPER: "There is to be a law that a man who borrows a newspaper because he is too stingy to buy one shall be guilty of a misdeneanor, and be confined in the county jail till he planks down one year's subscription."

THE Norwood lumber property has been urned over to Receiver Rich of the St. Albans Trust Company for the benefit of depositors He has mortgaged it for \$27,000 to pay off that amount of preferred creditors who refused to wait for their money.

THE Brattleboro Reformer, which we have come to regard as one of our best exchanges, ssued a Christmas number last week, the product of home talent, which was highly creditable. The Phaniz is plainly becoming very jealous of the Reformer's success.

REFORMER: "The versatile Colonel Hooker s not one of the men who, when they get down upon their backs, lie there to cry about it. He comes up smiling already, to observe. in effect, that his canvass for the place of senate sergeant-at-arms did 'not turn out as he expected, and he never expected it would."

Some papers in this state semi-occasionally give notice that they will not appear the following week, in order to give the editor a chance to celebrate the fourth of July, have a vacation, or "enjoy the holiday season." paper which will do this is nenally one which would not be missed particularly if it did not

Ir is reported that an accommodating Orange ity giri recently escaloped some oysters. She had never done any such work, but on being applied to for that purpose said she would try, and thereupon she took each separate oyster and cut some scallops around its entire circumference, and on accomplishing her task (three pints) declared there was too much work in it, and she would not do it again !

THE Press company of Philadelphia is the publisher of the Weekly Press, a political journal that is earnestly republican and faithfully represents the vigorous, intelligent, progressive republican sentiment of the country. It is made up of the cream of the daily editions, and a great deal of extra matter for its agricultural and home departments is especially prepared for the requirements of its subscribers. Send for sample copy.

THE seventeenth annual encampment of the department of Vermont, Grand Army of the Republic, will convene at Bennington, Wednesday, January 30, 1884, at three o'clock P. M. and continue until Thursday, January 31, at nine o'clock A. M. A camp-fire for members of the encampment and invited guests will be held Wednesday evening, commencing at halfpast six, when addresses are expected from prominent comrades of this and other depart-

ONE of the moguls, with a car attached, has been over the entire line of the Central Vermont road from St. Johns to Windsor, and into every place on the road where it is necessary to run an engine. The purpose of the trip was to make sure that there was no piece of track on the road where the moguls could not go on account of their size. The new engines are very large, and it becomes necessary to trim off the cabs somewhat to prevent interference with buildings, platforms, etc., in certain lo-

On the 21st, at Richford, Rev. George H. Bailey, deacon, was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Bissell, assisted by Rev. Dr. A. H. Bailey of Sheldon, Rev. Messrs. Rogers of St. Albans, Hill of Montpelier, Atwell of Newport, Davidson of Frelighsburg, Smith of Sutton and Lummis of Glen Sutton. The sermon was preached by Rev. Howard F. Hill on "God's message," with an address to the candidate The church is a new and neat structure, not yet consecrated, as a small debt yet remains

A CIRCULAR from the postmaster-general instructs postmasters to exchange three and sixcent stamps and stamped envelopes for others of different demominations. Postage stamps will be exchanged at their face value; stamped envelopes at full current rates, as shown in schedule of January 1, 1883. Stamped envelopes bearing printed cards or special requests as well as ordinary stamped envelopes, are to be exchanged; also stamped envelopes, that bear printed addresses. Stamps that are canceled, mutilated, defaced, or from which the gum has been removed, or that are so damaged in any way as to bear the appearance of having been used, or stamped envelopes that are not in

a perfect condition, cannot be exchanged. OUR West Topsham correspondent writes Last Saturday David Keyes, an old resident of this place, was found dead in the road about one and one-half miles from here. The circum stances of his death, as nearly as can be ascertained, are as follows: He left home about two o'clock P. M., to go to Aaron Sanborn's after a

ticulars apply to O. G. Pheips, agent for the daughter who was at work there, and, judging from appearances, his horse became unmanageable and threw him out of the sleigh, leaving him about half a mile from where he was found. As his buffalo robe and sleigh-seat were found there, and he was seen on foot within one hundred rods of where he was found, the supposition is he dropped dead from heart disease. Dr. Watson was immediately summoned, who deemed a jury of inquest unnecessary. His body was carried to the house of Mr. Marsh, near by, until his family could be notified of the sad affair.'

Ir appears from some figures given in a recent speech by M. Banderali, the chief engineer to the Northern of France railway ompany, that, in point of speed at any rate, English railways still stand first. The actual speed attained there sometimes reaches sixtyfive and one-half miles an hour, while in France. Germany, and America it never exceeds sixtytwo and one-half. The average " mean speed." (i. e., the speed measured by the time taken between terminal stations) is forty-eight and one-half miles an hour with English express trains and forty-five with French. M. Banderall points out that the English railways have one advantage to start with, for it is not obligatory, as it is in most foreign countries, to slacken at crossings. In the matter of fares, England and France enjoy the distinction of charging third-class passengers more than any other country except Turkey.

An outrageous affair occurred in Derby, whereby a poor, sickly, half-witted orphan named Foss was most inhumanely treated. Five boys-Thomas Hines, Henry Belondeau, two Blanchard boys and one other—several of them men grown, took the poor boy, plunged him into a trough of cold water, and after he was thoroughly chilled he was taken to a well, lowered to the water by a rope, and thence to a barn where the rope was thrown over a beam and straightened until he was threatened with strangulation, while he was made to believe that he was to be hung until dead. As if these cruelties were not enough, he was taken to the house and one-half his head was shaved. Complaint was entered to the state's attorney and the boys were arrested and taken before Jus tice Sargent, and after a three days' trial the rascals were fined \$6 each and costs. There is a strong feeling in this town that the outrage demands a much more severe punishment, and there is much indignation at the result.

An adjourned hearing on a petition of the Central Vermont and the Consolidated railroad company, that the Central Vermont railroad company be discharged as receivers and managers, etc., etc., was held at St. Albans last week before Judge Royce. Among the gentlemen present were Governor Smith, L. P. Poland, Daniel Roberts, J. L. Edwards, Colonel Walker, E. C. Smith, G. C. Noble, H. A. Huse. B. F. Fifield, Mr. Young, C. H. Pitkin, W. L. Burnap, Judge Barrett, H. C. Adams, Mr. Bell of the Grand Trunk, and others. Mr. Fifield, on behalf of the Central Vermont road, asked for an order by the court in confirmation of the mortgage issued by the new Consolidated railroad company of Vermont to the amount of \$7,000,000. The only objection offered to this was by W. L. Burnap, in behalf of R. G. Hazard, who contested the validity of the mortgage. Other parties present held that as a majority of the stockholders in the Vermont & Canada and Vermont Central roads had assented to the reorganization scheme, there could be no objection to such an order from the court as was asked for. Decision reserved. That part of the case relating to the dismissa of the suits and discharge of receivership was

by agreement postponed to January 17th. RIDDANCE of undesirable fat has been achieved of late by a number of actresses; and they are said to have done it by dieting, and not by the use of drugs, as many suppose. The directions are simple enough, and yet rather hard to follow. They are substantially the same as recommended by Banting, the Englishman who reduced his weight from two hundred and four to one hundred and sixtyseven pounds in six months, and then published his experience for the guidance of others afflicted by corpulence. The system consists in abstinence from food that contains starch or sugar. This excludes bread, butter, milk, potatoes, beer, and all the preparations into which sugar enters. Unfortunately for this purpose, women almost invariably have sweet teeth; but they cannot part with their excess consent to live chiefly on meat that isn't fat, and vegetables, excepting potatoes. The quantity of food eaten may be as great as the appetite calls for, so long as starchy and saccharine matter is eschewed. This does not leave imagine, if she can only make up her mind to live without candy and pastry. She may drink sour wines, or sherry, but no port, champagne, or beer. Distilled liquors are not objectionable in small quantities.

Rutland, died Saturday morning under circumstances strongly indicative of poisoning. The further controversy with this belligerent editor. family consisted of Mr. Catlin, his wife and a It is but fair to say that the criticism comyears of age and unmarried. It is said that on November 30 Mrs. Catlin bought at a drug store in Brandon an ounce of arsenic for the alleged purpose of killing lice on a young colt, as the druggist's record shows. It is now ascertained that the family had no colt. The day following the purchase of the poison Mr. Catlin was taken violently sick and some of the arsenic in solution was administered to him by Mrs. Catlin, who claims she mistook it for soda water. Emetics were given and Mr. Catlin recovered sufficiently to resume his labors. All went smoothly until December 7th, when he was sgain taken sick. He was immediately taken to the house, since which time he has generally failed. He was treated for typhoid fever, the fact that he had been poisoned being suppressed until too late to overcome the effects of the poison. The funeral has been indefinitely postponed for the purpose of a thorough investigation and probable autopsy of the remains. Mr. Catlin was an industrious young farmer, held in high esteem in the community He had been a town lister. Since his death there have been rumors of an undue intimacy between Mrs. Catlin and Ayer.

THE newspaper controversy over the true inwardness of Judge Wheeler's appointment to be United States district judge is revived by the Rutiand Herald as follows : "The Montpeller Argus has, we believe, done E. J. Phelps. Esq., injustice in its somewhat sensational article describing him as the active, implacable enemy of Judge Poland that succeeded by extraordinary effort in persuading President Hayes, through Mr. Evarts, to appoint Judge Wheeler United States district judge. Mr. Phelps never disguised his good opinion of

Judge Wheeler, both before and after his apcintment, but at the time the appointment was made, as between Judge Poland and any other man, who in his view stood any chance to get the appointment, Mr. Phelps was for Judge Poland, and he and Stoughton got the trial of the Emma mine case adjourned for a day or two, and Stoughton went on to Washogton, with Phelps' approval and concurrence, to help Poland. Of course this support of Poand meant no hostility to Wheeler or objection to his appointment, for at that time it was not supposed there was any prospect for Wheeler's appointment, as he was not known to be a candidate. We say this much finally about a matter that was deemed of enough consequence to be not only the subject of a long leading editorial in the Argus, but the theme of a column oi special dispatches to the Boston Herald from the same source. If Mr. Phelps bears Judge Poland any personal grudge, certainly he did not stoop to any unprofessional impeachment of Judge Poland's eminent fitness for the indicial position in question, but preferred him to any of the candidates then known to be in the field; and it is but just to him to say that the Agous has been misinformed in regard to the stude of Mr. Phelps."

Among the members of Washington county bar is one who is called by his irreverent brethren, "Old Necessity," because, it is averred, he "knows no law." This, it is believed, is "twitting on facts," and so should not be a legitimate subject for levity. However this may be, he evidently "knows no law" of truth or honor or common decency. Still be has "caught on" with a grip charac terlistic of total depravity to the pettifogger's maxim, "When you have no case, abuse the other side." and this attainment seems to cover his professional stock in trade. The terror of his clients, and, as a natural consequence, a briefless barrister," he has dabbied in news, and in the role of correspondent has lately been the scourge of Waterbury. In the interest of that community, which has suffered much, socially and financially, by reason of his canards, THE WATCHMAN has endeavored to put things in their true light. For this a ading physician," the reputed author of the diphtheria "boom," wrathfully stops his er, while the correspondent undertakes to abuse this journal and to inflict some flatulent personalities upon a member of its staff. He as to have a Pharisaic tendency to Scripnd so, by way of answer to his imbecile we commend to him the language of is friends, "But ye are forgers of lies;

ill physicians of no value." No one with respect can have a personal contro-ith this man. His case appeals more charity than to one's resentment. But has suffered long and has been kind to Recent events have called up an exive review of his record, and self-defence, re is further provocation, may compel a ag as to what kind of a man this libeler is. istian Messenger, of which Rev. J of Barre is editor, had an attack WATCHMAN in its last issue, stated in our report of Chaplair re at Barre that "the advertise-

dealar society on such an occa sion was severely criticised by the best of peo-We had thought to pass over the whole matter with the mild criticism of last week, but having been severely arraigned and our motives misrepresented, we deem it best to state the facts more particularly, and leave the verdict with the people. We have taken pains to interview members of the Barre Lecture Association personally, so that we write understandingly. When the lecture committee made out their programme last fall they were informed by one of their number, who is a respected member of the Methodist society, that they could depend on Chaplain McCabe, and he was accordingly announced among their speakers: but it turned out later that he had been engaged by the Methodists for \$50, and that the proceeds were to be for the benefit of that society. In the meantime General N. P. Banks had been secured by the lecture association for the same date. It was mutually agreed that a compromise should be effected, and the association offered to fix another day for General Banks and pay \$75 for the chaplain, thus allowing the Methodist society to make the \$25. This offer was accepted with evident satisfaction, and the lecture was duly announced as under the auspices of the lecture association. Now we submit that no lecturer, who is thus of flesh without giving up sugar. They must hired, has any right to advertise anything, however good it may be or for whatever cause. The fact that the editor of the Messenger has studiously kept aloof from the lectures since he was not permitted to manage the whole affair, but was "at the front" on this occasion. a woman so badly off as she might at a glance was not a balm to the feelings of some of the audience. As to "the animus of THE WATCH-MAN toward the interests of Methodism," this paper has absolutely no unfriendly animus toward Methodism, whatever may be its feeling toward some of its meddlesome representatives. WILLIAM B. CATLIN, a farmer thirty-one We have no reason and no desire in any way years old, of Goshen, twenty-five miles from to say anything to the injury of that denomination, and shall endeavor to refrain from any farm hand named Melvin Ayer, twenty-four plained of did not not emenate from our regular correspondent.

Personal.

THE wife and daughter of Senator Edmunds lave sailed for Nassau.

COLONEL GEORGE A. MERRILL of Rutland is lanning a trip to Florida.

CONGRESSMAN STEWART is spending the holidays at his home in Middlebury.

GENERAL WILLIAM W. HENRY of Burlington has been reappointed United States marshal. EDWARD S. DANA of New Haven, who has been very sick for several weeks, is improving

C. H. WOODARD, the well known hotel proprietor at South Royalton, and Miss Kate, daughter of Hon. Dudley C. Denison, were

D. MACKENZIE, who left St. Albans and the Central Vermont road for a position on the Mexican Central, has been appointed superintendent of the northern division of that road.

MR. A. H. TUTTLE, manager of the Rutland Herald, returned from the South on Friday morning, where he went with his wife and son George, some two weeks before, on account of the poor health of the latter. Mrs. Tuttle and George remained South, and will spend the winter there.

GENERAL WILLIAM Y. W. RIPLEY of Rutland has written a history of company F, sharpshooters, one of three of these companies sent out by Vermont in the late war. General Ripley was lieutenant-colonel and fighting com-mander of the first regiment of sharpshooters during the first year of the war.

Montpeller.

PROFESSOR STARR, the exposer of spiritual-ism, at Capital hall the week of January 6. The thermometer stood at twenty-six degrees below zero in some parts of this village Sunday morning.

THE balliffs have posted notices forbidding coasting on the public streets within the limits of this village.

THE annual church and sovenant meeting of the Baptist church will be held on Thursday, January 3d, 1884.

THE ladies' missionary society will meet in the vestry of the Baptist church Tuesday evening, January 1st.

THE afternoon mail trains have been very late since Thursday, owing to the severe snow storms in Massachusetts.

B. P. Young has leased the stable in the rear of the Union house of Messrs. Irish & Spar-row, and will continue the livery business at that place. We are informed by Mr. Poole that the lithograph of Montpeller, which is rapidly approaching completion, is one of the finest productions of his firm.

THE midnight mass at the church of St Augustine was well attended, a considerable portion of the audience being visitors. The music was well rendered.

Miss Myra Kingsbury, minister of the Universalist church in Williston, is to preach in the Church of the Messiah next Sunday on exchange with Mr. Wright.

John W. PECK is to carry on the plumbing business for himself, making his headquarters in the building in the rear of the post-office block, now undergoing repairs. FRIDAY last came the first snow of any ac-

count this season. Some three or four inches fell. About two inches fell Monday night, so that now we have good sleighing.

THERE was a select dance at the American house Friday evening. Twenty couples were present, and the music was furnished by Temleton's orchestra of four pieces.

The First National bank on Monday declared a dividend of five per cent of the current earn-ings, payable January 1, 1884. Also a dividend of twenty per cent of surplus, payable March 1, 1884. THE seminary students were given s

from Friday until to-day, in order that they might spend Christmas at their bomes, and a considerable number availed themselves of the privilege afforded.

James Wherler of Northfield was arrested on Saturday for intoxication. On Monday he was taken before Justice O. D. Clark, plead guilty, disclosed on D. C. Sloan, and was re-leased upon paying the usual fine and costs. THE many friends of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Arthur in this place are grieved to learn of the death of their only child, which occurred at their home in Bradford on Wednesday last,

bereavement. THE bailiffs organized last week. Joel Foster will have the care of the streets and side-walks, A. J. Sibley the care of Capital hall, S. M. Walton has charge of the fire department, Morton Marvin the care of the police, and A. O. Cummins the care of the street lamps.

The sociables at Bethany church and the Baptist church, which occurred last evening, were well attended. At the first tea was served for the children at five o'clock, and the early part of the evening was devoted to their entertainment. The Baptist Sunday-school had a Christmas tree. Christmas tree.

THE Christmas festival at the Methodist church Monday night was largely attended. Mr. T. J. Keegan officiated as "Santa Claus," to the great amusement of the children. Recitations and singing, largely by the seminary students, and the distribution of presents from the tree afforded entertainment for all present.

Post Process G. A P. is to hold a camp-fire at Trinity vestry on Friday evening, when they will give a soldiers' supper. Beans, hard-tack and coffee will be served in tin dishes. Addresses will be made by some of the clergy-men and General Thomas. Also vocal and in-strumental music, and other attractions.

Some two or three weeks since a sister of Mrs. W. E. Vall, who lives in Worcester, Mass., took gas in order to have a dental operation performed. The effects were so injurious as to cause her several days of severe suffering, and resulted finally in her death on Monday. Mrs. Vall was with her during her last sickness.

SPAULDING'S BELL RINGERS at Capital hall, Saturday evening, December 29 The Spauldings are accomplished performers in their specialties, and they have with them this season the Bloodgoods, vocalists and specialists, who, with a barpist and an elocutionist, give an entertainment that is novel and pleasing.

Tug bailiffs went last week to look over the property on the line of the proposed Berlin pond aqueduct. Nothing definite was accompoint aquedict. Nothing definite was accomplished, but owners of the property expressed a willingness to give the damages for the privilege of taking water from the pipe for their use, and the prospects are good that the actual expense for land damages will be light.

J. C. HOUGHTON received quite a serious in-ury on Thursday last. While scraping snow from the piazza at his home, he slipped and fell, spraining his ankle so as to render it usc-less for a time. Friday he was confined to the house, but is now able to go about with the aid of crutches, though he is still unable to bear any weight on the injured member

THE Christmas festival of the Church of the Messiah takes place this (Wednesday) after-noon and evening. Members of the Sunday-school are expected at three o'clock. The en-tertainment will be free after half-past six o'clock. The operetta of "Santa Claus at home," will be given, with Mr. Frank Owier as "Santa," supported by thirteen of the children.

AT the election of officers of Post Brooks, No. 13, G. A. R., held last week Tuesday evening, the following were chosen for the ensuing year:
Commander, Willard Holden; senior vice, C.
Howard Carter; junior vice, D. Carr; quartermaster, H. M. Pierce; surgeon, G. W. Colby;
chaplain, W. F. Waterman; officer of the day,
H. C. Lull; officer of the guard, L. S. Goodwin;
quartermaster serjeant, C. R. Bagley.

THE dime temperance concert and fair by he mission band at the Baptist church, on the mission band at the Baptist church, on Wednesday evening, is worthy of a word of commendation. An excellent programme was much enjoyed by a good audience. After the concert, the stand for fancy articles and refreshments received good attention. They were tastily arranged and decorated with evergreen. The fair netted \$22. green. The fair netted \$22. The young ladies are much encouraged, as this is their first attempt. They intend furnishing the church parlor when a sufficient amount is obtained

THE simple announcement that Little Corinne and her Merrie-Makers will appear at Capital hall this (Wednesday) evening should be enough to fill every seat. Corinne, though a mere child, is the lyric and dramatic marvel of mere child, is the lyric and dramatic marvel of the times. Since her last appearance here she has developed wonderfully, and those who saw her then and wondered at her powers, and were charmed by them, will wish to see how the miss of twelve years compares with the child of nine. She is well supported. In many respects this promises to be the most attrac-tive engagement of the search. tive engagement of the season.

THE annual Christmas day service at Christ church was held at half past ten o'clock. The church was held at half past ten o'clock. The programme of music was quite elaborate and well rendered, consisting of the following by the usual choir: Organ voluntary, by Wagner; Christmas anthem, Williams; Venite, Wilson; Glorias, Hodges; Te Deum, Davenport; Jubilate, La Hache; "Song of Praise," Lloyd; Adeste Fideles; Holy Night, Adams; and plain chants during the communion service. The chants during the communion service. The Sunday-school festival was held at four o'clock in the afternoon, at which time occurred the distribution of presents. A pleasant feature of this service was the rendering of carols by the

children. THE Woman's Christian Temperance Union held a very pleasant gathering at Mrs. D. L. Fuller's last Saturday evening in commemora-Fuller's last Saturday evening in commemora-tion of the crusade movement, which began becember 23, 1873. An interesting programme was carried out, commencing with the singing of the crusade hymn, "Give to the winds thy fears," and the reading of the crusade Psalim, the forty-sixth. Mrs Seaver read the story of the Hillsboro crusade, telling how the leader, Mrs E. J. Thompson, was called to the work. the Hillsboro crusade, telling how the leader, Mrs. E. J. Thompson, was called to the work. Other readings and music were furnished by

members of the Young Women's Christian Temperance Union, and some remarks were made by Rev. Mr. Barber, who was in the West during the crusade.

At a regular meeting of the St. John Baptiste Society, heid on the 20th inst., the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted: "Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst Michael Sweet, the founder of this society; therefore, Resolved, That this society deeply deplores the loss of one of its most honored and active members. Resolved, That we hereby extend our heartful. one of its most honored and active members. Resolved, That we hereby extend our hearifelt sympathy to the family of the deceased, in their loss of a kind and indulgent father and a tender and affectionate husband. Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the late Michael Sweet, and also to the newspapers of Montpelier for publication."

MR. Thomas H. Cave is the possesor of a curiosity in the shape of a coin which was taken at Jerusalem from a point more than a hundred feet below the surface of the earth and close to the walls of the temple. The coin is of black bronze, in good condition, weighing one hundred and forty-seven Troy grains, being an inch and one-sixteenth in diameter. On the one side appears the head of Nero, sixth emperor of Rome, A. D. 34 to 68, showing the right side of the face, the head laureate and a Latin inscription, translated meaning "The Emperor Noro Caesar, the Augustus Germanicus." On the reverse appears a cut of the side of the temple of Janus, with a garland above the doors, an inscription, the translation of which is, "Peace being everywhere spread abroad to the Roman people, he closed Janus' temple," and in the field the letters S. C., senatus consulto, "by consent of the senate." The coin was presented to Mr. Cave by Robert Morris, Ll. B., who obtained it during one of his masonic expeditions to the Holy Land. MR. THOMAS H. CAVE is the possesor of a

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The Christmas services at Bethany church on Sunday were unusually interesting, the musical portion deserving especial mention. The choir was composed of Mrs. W. A. Briggs, soprano; Mrs. F. I. Pitkin, alto; W. L. Woodbury, tenor; H. D. Hopkins, Jr., baritone, Mr. Briggs presiding at the organ. The musical programme of the morning service was as follows: Organ voluntary, "Processional," by Briggs; anthem, "O Zion that tellest," Buck; hymn, "Hark, what mean those holy volces?" Te Deum, in Bb, Buck; organ offertoire, Gonnod; hymn, "Hall the night! All hall the morn!" Doxology; organ, "Allegro, fifth concerto," Handel. The evening services were devoted to the children, opening with the processional, "Onward, Christian soldiers," by Sullivan, rendered by the choir while the Sunday-school scholars marched from the chapel to their seats in the church. After the congregation was seated, the choir gave the Christmas anthem, "There were Shepherds," by Buck. Then followed a service consisting of hymns and responsive readings by the school, and a brief address by the pastor. The musical programme at the Church of the Messiah, last Sunday, consisted of the following, given by the regular choir: Organ voluntary, "Andante," Tittl; anthem, "Glory to God," Ryder; hymn, "Anthoch," "Christmas hymn," Daw; anthem, "Alleluia," Wilson; "A Christmas Idyl," Lloyd; organ voluntary, "Andante," Tittl; anthem, "Glory to God," Ryder; hymn, "Anthoch," "Christmas hymn," Daw; anthem, "Alleluia," Wilson; "A Christmas Idyl," Lloyd; organ voluntary, Hadley. The evening service at this church, as well as those at the Baptist and Trinity churches, was for the children, all being praise services.

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ERNEST Lowe went to Boston last week, returning on Friday. Mrs. Clarence Whittier returned from Boston last Friday night, after an absence of about two weeks. "Gimmle" Dodge was in town on Thursday last. He is now owner of an upholstering establishment in West Randolph. Miss Carrie Cross came home from her studies at Bradford on Saturday. Mary Pingree, who has been attending school at Malone, N. Y., has come home to pass the holiday vacation. Charles Burnham of Burlington has secured a position in the photograph gallery of A. W. Bianchard. He will occupy a tenement in the Colonel Randall house. Conductor T. W. Bailey has so far recovered as to be able to resume the duties of his position. Charles Burnham of Burlington has secured a position in the photograph gallery of A. W. Bianchard. He will occupy a tenement in the Colonel Randall house. Conductor T. W. Bailey has so far recovered as to be able to resume the duties of his position. Conductor T. W. Bailey has so far has been engaged in setting up a boiler. Mrs. C. D. Mather goes to Boston on Monday next to pass the remainder of the winter. J. P. Meron has been in Pittsfield, Mass., during the past week, where he went to meet his brother, who has just returned from Denyer. Col.

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...I. R. Moulton passed Christmas with his family in this place... Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Atkins went to Boston, Monday, to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. Atkins' brother-in-law, Mr. Kimball....A. F. Poole was in town Monday on his way to Barre, a view of which he will prepare for the purpose of lithographing... James P. Scovill has returned from Cincinnati, and will remain at home for the present... Ira Washburn has been very sick with lang fever, but his condition is now sick with lung fever, but his condition is now somewhat improved....N. C. King came home from the New York medical college Friday to spend Christmas.

Seminary Hill.—The Adelphi's added three new members last Monday evening... School adjourned last Friday until to-day, giving those who desired an opportunity of going home, which was improved by several. School will be kept New Year's... The following resolution was discussed in lyceum last Friday evening: "Resolved, That the American nation is the greatest that is or ever was." Affirmative, Reynolds and Donaldson; negative, Howland and Dutton. Decided in affirmative by the board of decision. the board of decision.

ed at the Morse school-house last Sunday, and his next appointment there is for the last Sun-day in January... Elon Hersey and Eddie Ormsbee are both absent from school, having Ormsbee are both absent from school, having the lung fever. .. E. S. Cummings has been at home on a visit. ... N. A. Goodwin has spent two weeks at home and returned to the headquarters of his map agency in central New York. ... Mary Lawson, who died last week at the age of sixty-four, is reported as having willed her small property to the church, to be devoted to the support of superannuated Methodist ministers. .. Theo. Clark has been to Boston to dispose of his butter. ... George Davis went to Brattleboro, last week, to attend the poultry show, where he exhibited specimens of poultry show, where he exhibited specimens of his fine birds....Lorenzo Hill now expects to accompany his daughter, Mrs. Angier, to Boston next week.

Middlesex .- About the first of June last Norris Wright sold to the following parties four pigs: To F. M. McElroy, killed when seven months and nine days old, and dressed 373 pounds; to A. A. Moore, two, killed when seven and one-half months old, weigning 3042 and 3092 pounds; to Enos Stiles, at seven and one-half months old, dressed 302 pounds. one-half months old, dressed 302 pounds. McEiroy would like to hear of one that beats his and, if so, he will try again... Seaver Howard has received a new pension certificate increasing his pension from \$18 to \$24 per month... Mrs. Lucretia Hayes, formerly a resident of this place and now of Bellows Falls, is stopping with her sister, Mrs. A. J. Cameron.... O. H. Richardson has been obliged to suspend his building operations on secount of sickness in the family of his father-in-law, Capsickness in the family of his father-in-law, Cap tain O. C. Wilder of Waitsfield, where his wife and child are stopping this winter.

Marshfield.—Sunday morning the thermom-ter marked thirty-four degrees below zero anisance.—Sunday morning ine thermometer marked thirty-four degrees below zero. Quite a sharp wind Saturday night below zero. And some villages are short of water, it having stopped in some cases... Mrs. Edson York and Mrs. Ira H. Edson made over an overcoat last week for Charley Dudley, besides doing their housework. The coat had to be ripped in pieces and turned, making quite a job... The band go to Barre next Saturday, and give a promenade concert in the evening at the tewn hall... Eli Edson has advertised his coopershop for sale at a bargain. This is a good chance for some one who wishes such a property.... Three new arrivals in the village since Thanksgiving—at Aiden Winch's, Frank Brown's and Frank Cole's—all boys, and not much of a time for boys, either... Professor Charles Dudley is holding a series of singing-schools in our village. The next one will be held to-morrow (Thursday) evening. Let all schools in our village. The next on held to-morrow (Thursday) evening. come out and sing.